

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A Tool for use when putting down floor elements, primarily with groove and tongue joints, typically parquet flooring elements, which comprises:

a cushion, and a striking tool,

wherein the cushion is a flat, plane work piece comprising includes an upper side and a lower side, a first rectilinear resting long side and an opposite second striking long side extending in parallel with said first side, and two relatively short end faces extending in parallel and substantially perpendicular to the long sides, the upper side comprising includes an upward projecting first rod-shaped part, which is connected to a second rod-shaped part in a hinged joint, the second rod-shaped part including a free end portion forming the striking tool, the rod shaped parts being formed to enable striking of the striking tool against the cushion by comprising a catching area or a handle, from which the striking tool movement of the first rod-shaped part relative to the second rod-shaped part can be activated for generating a directional kinetic energy (stroke effect), which is transferred to the resting long side or the end faces via the cushion.

2. (Currently Amended) The Tool according to claim 1, wherein the upper free end of the upward projecting first rod-shaped part from the upper side is supported via a hinged joint in a pendulous second rod-shaped part, whose length of the second rod-shaped part corresponds substantially to the length of the first rod-shaped part, the first and the second rod-shaped part, respectively, comprising a catching area or a handle, a striking tool being fixed to the free end of the second rod-shaped part, said striking tool being pivotally at least across the second striking long side for striking against said long side.

3 (Currently Amended) The Tool according to claim 120, wherein the end faces form one side of sections projecting from the second striking long side at either end of the cushion, said sections comprising opposite faces extending in parallel with the end faces, the hinged joint being pivotally supported on the upper free end of the first rod-shaped part, the striking tool at the end of the second rod-shaped part further becoming pivotally to striking against the opposite faces of the sections.

4. (Currently Amended) The Tool according to claim 1, wherein the hinged joint is ~~made as a ball joint or a flexible stalk connection,~~ adapted to make the second rod-shaped part pivotally rotational in all directions relative to the first rod-shaped part.
5. Canceled.
6. (Currently Amended) The Tool according to claim 1, wherein ~~at least in the area of the end faces~~ the tool comprises at least one crosswise ~~extending~~ section which extends from ~~relative to the~~ a vertical plan of the resting long side, the ~~a side of said~~ the crosswise section facing in a downward direction to form ~~the lower side of the cushion forms~~ a supporting face; on which the tool is adapted to be supported on the ~~an~~ upward face of a ~~relevant~~ floor element, ~~or a floor element that has already been put down, with the resting long side completely or partly resting on the side edge of the floor element.~~
7. (Currently Amended) The Tool according to claim 6, wherein ~~the~~ each crosswise sections ~~are~~ is supported ~~in an~~ upright elements/parts which ~~projecting~~ from the upper side of the cushion.
8. (Currently Amended) The Tool according to claim ~~6~~7, wherein each crosswise ~~the~~ sections ~~are~~ is formed by supporting rollers adapted for rotation around a ; shaft ~~whose shafts are which is supported in the upright elements/parts projecting from the upper side of the cushion.~~
9. Canceled.
10. (Currently Amended) The Tool according to claim 6, wherein each crosswise ~~the~~ section is formed by a longitudinal recess in the resting long side.
11. (Currently Amended). The Tool according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ sides of the striking tool, which, during use, ~~are brought to striking~~ strikes against the striking long side of the cushion, ~~and possibly the facing side edges of the projecting sections at the ends of the cushion,~~

are made of a noise reducing material or coated with such a material.

12. (Currently Amended) The Tool according to claim 1, wherein the ~~handles rod-shaped part~~catching areas are formed ~~by~~with strap-shaped handles, ~~which are fixed on the sides facing away, of the first rod-shaped part and the second rod-shaped part, respectively.~~

13. Canceled.

14. (Currently Amended) The Tool according to claim 1, wherein the first rod-shaped part is detachably fixed to the upper side of the cushion.

15. (Currently Amended) The Tool according to claim 1, wherein the striking tool is detachably fixed to the free end of the second rod-shaped part.

16. (Currently Amended) The Tool according to claim 1, wherein the hinged joint is detachably fixed to at least one of the first rod-shaped part and ~~possibly detachably fixed to the~~ second rod-shaped part.

17. (Currently Amended) The Tool according to claim 1, wherein the first rod-shaped part and the second rod-shaped part are axially telescopically extendable and retractable, and ~~fixable~~ adapted to be locked in at least the a completely extended position and in a the completely retracted positions.

18–19. Canceled.

20 (New) A tool according to claim 1, wherein the first and second long sides are parallel and the cushion comprises two relatively short end faces extending in parallel and substantially perpendicular to the first and second long sides.

21. (New) The tool according to claim 20, wherein the end frames having a length which is longer than a distance between the first and second long sides.

22. (New) The tool according to claim 20, wherein the striking tool, which during use, strikes against the opposite face of one of the section of the cushion for parallel displacement of floor elements.